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Purpose

The purpose of the Lower Yukon Delta Update is to inform regional residents of the public construction projects scheduled for the next three construction seasons. Taking advantage of training will enhance employment opportunities. There are job and training opportunities for regional residents in the field of public construction available now.

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region Planning Office, reports that as of June 1, 2001, there have been no changes to the Lower Yukon Delta Region construction projects.

Alakanuk Airport Relocation - Stage 1 Oct-Sept 2002 Emmonak Airport Rehabilitation & Apron Expansion Oct-Sept 2001 Oct-Sept 2003 Grayling Airport Bridge Grayling Airport Reconstruction Oct-Sept 2003 Mountain Village Airport Runway Rehabilitation Oct-Sept 2003 Russian Mission Landfill Road Oct-Sept 2003 Saint Mary's Airport Road Rehabilitation Oct 2001 - Sept 2002

For more information, please contact Martin Ott at 907-451-5150

Alaska Energy Authority, reports that as of June 1, 2001, the following information:

Emmonak Tank Farm completed

Kotlik Bulk Fuel - design & construction is in progress Kotlik Power House - building under construction

For more information, please contact Bruce Tiedeman at 907-269-3000

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Spill Prevention & Response reports that the Bulk Fuel Cleanup Assessments for Emmonak, Grayling and Marshall were all done last year. Once the assessments have been fully evaluated the community will be placed on a prioritized list for future work.

In Kotlik, Brice Incorporated currently has a contract for the removal of old tanks. The demolition of the tanks will occur after the Alaska Energy Authority completes building the new Kotlik tank farm (estimated to be this Fall). The Environment and Ecology section will be conducting a preliminary assessment there this year. Once the assessment is complete it will be evaluated and placed on the prioritized list for future work.

For more information contact Dan Benfield at 907-465-5200

For more information about jobs, training, or other related programs provided by AVCP, contact Luke Smith, TERO, at 907-543-3521.

The Alaska Department of Education reports that the Pilot Station School Replacement Project is on schedule as is the Kotlik School Project.

For more information contact Tim Mearig at 907-465-6906

Alaska Works Partnership

The Alaska Works Partnership, Inc. (AWP) is a non-profit agency made up of the Alaskan building and construction trade unions and their affiliated apprenticeship programs. AWP develops partnerships with employers, local municipalities, housing authorities, village councils, school boards and others to increase local hire. By offering educational and training programs, AWP and its partners are able to increase the skill levels and the career opportunities for rural

Alaskans. The quality associated with this construction-training program is unmatched in Alaska.

For more information contact Tom Brice at 907-457-2597.

The Denali Commission's Training Fund Grants had a \$25,000 funding cap per community. The status of grants for the Lower Yukon Delta region are as follows:

Description of Training	Status
Bulk Fuel Tank Operator Training	Funding not required until Sept training session. STEP provided funding for the May training session.
Advanced Welding Training for dock projects	In recruitment process - 4 participants will start training in June.
	Bulk Fuel Tank Operator Training

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For more information about holding a Job Summit in your area, please contact Bernice Joseph or Lamar Cotten at 907-269-8100.

Commissioner Sedwick tours the Alaska Manufacturer Housing Plant at Point MacKenzie. Homes are being build for White Mountain and St. Michael with a workforce from both communities.

